

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

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To: Delta Protection Commission

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Subject: Proposed Revisions to the Delta Protection Commission Work
Program: FY 96-97

Background:

The Delta Protection Commission's sunset date has been extended for two years until January 1, 1999. The proposed work program would basically continue the projects started in the last fiscal year; no new projects have been proposed. The proposed revised work plan was reviewed and approved by the Budget, Finance, and Administration Subcommittee on October 3, 1996.

Tasks Authorized in the Delta Protection Act:

Ongoing	* Meet at least every other month (Section 29750).
Completed	* Adopt rules, regulations, and procedures (Section 29752).
Completed	* Appoint agricultural, environmental, and recreational advisory committees (Section 29753).
Completed	* Appoint committees from its membership (Section 29753).
Completed	* Establish and maintain an office in the Delta (Section 29754).
Completed	* Appoint an Executive Director to administer the affairs of the Commission (Section 29755).

One Voluntary Easement	* Promote, facilitate, and administer the acquisition of voluntary private and public wildlife and agricultural conservation easements in the Delta (Section 29756).
No Action	* Apply for and accept federal grants or other federal funds and receive gifts, donations, rents, royalties, state funds derived from bond sales, the proceeds of taxes or funds from any other state revenue sources, or any other financial support from public or private sources (Section 29757).
Completed	* Prepare and adopt, and review and maintain, a comprehensive long-term resource management plan for land uses within the Primary Zone of the Delta (Section 29760).
Completed	* Act on proposed General Plan amendments submitted by local governments (Section 29763.5). [Completed for Pittsburg and Rio Vista, and Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo; not completed for Stockton].
Ongoing	* Hear appeals of local government actions filed by aggrieved persons within 60 days of filing (Section 29770).
Completed	* Adopt administrative procedures governing appeals (Section 29770(b)).
Completed	* Submit to the Governor and Legislature a report with recommendations for legislation for funding for Commission activities (Section 29777(a)).
Ongoing	<p>* On January 1 of each year, submit to the Governor and Legislature, a report describing the progress in achieving the objectives of the Act, including:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the regional plan in preserving agricultural lands, restoring delta habitat, improving levee protection and water quality, providing increased public access and recreational opportunities, and other functions.</p>

(b) An update of the regional plan using baseline conditions set forth in the original regional plan.

(c) The status of environmental thresholds.
(Section 29780)

Due 12/31/98

* Repay \$250,000 loan from the California Environmental License Plate Fund not later than December 31, 1998.

Activities Approved in the Commission's Past Work Programs:
(Not ongoing and administrative tasks)

FY 93-94:

* Prepare background reports and draft regional plan.

FY 94-95:

* Set up monitoring program and geographic information system.

* Monitor legislation.

* Prepare monthly pending projects memo.

* Coordinate with agencies preparing regional plan/programs.

* Participate with Secretary for Resources Levee Permit Group coordinating permit processes.

* Work with existing conservancies and land trusts to share technical information and support for easements on agricultural lands.

* Develop a checklist for common Delta projects.

* Work with Vector Control Districts to develop best management techniques for fall/winter flooding.

* Participate in Coast Guard marine patrol/boater programs.

* Discuss and develop scope of work for Delta-wide recreation study for FY 95-96.

FY 95-96:

- * Provide assistance to Attorney General in law suits.
- * Hold workshops on the future of the Commission.
- * Supervise consultant preparing Geographic Information System.
- * Monitor pending projects; prepare monthly memo.
- * Monitor pending legislation.
- * Coordinate in County preparation of Habitat Conservation Plans.
- * Coordinate with development of regional programs.
- * Work with existing conservancies and land trusts to share technical information and support for easements on agricultural lands.
- * Assist in coordination for Shoreline Cleanup Day.
- * Work with Vector Control Districts to develop best management techniques for fall/winter flooding.
- * Participate in Ducks Unlimited Grants Program for Private Lands.
- * Participate in Coast Guard marine patrol/boater programs.
- * Participate in multi-agency study of Delta recreation and access (prepare inventory of existing recreation sites).
- * Participate with Secretary for Resources Levee Permit Group coordinating permit processes.
- * Develop a checklist for common Delta projects.
- * Study issues associated with Extremely High Waters.
- * Study San Luis Drain issues.
- * Study Abandoned vessel in the Delta.
- * Study *Egeria densa* in the Delta.
- * Develop a preliminary study program regarding Delta levees.

PROPOSED REVISED WORK PROGRAM FOR FY 96-97:

- * Provide assistance to Attorney General in law suits.
- * Supervise consultant preparing Geographic Information System; update and enhance GIS data storage and home page.
(Recommend additional contract funding to Teale, to be approved by the Commission separately.)
- * Monitor pending projects; prepare monthly memo.
- * Monitor pending legislation.
- * Coordinate in County preparation of Habitat Conservation Plans (San Joaquin, Yolo).
- * Coordinate with development of regional programs, including special sub groups and working groups, CALFED program.
- * Prepare analysis of the various CALFED alternatives and their impacts on Primary Zone land uses, communities, and economics.
- * Work with existing conservancies and land trusts to share technical information and support for easements on agricultural lands.
- * Participate in Coast Guard marine patrol/boater programs.
- * Participate in multi-agency study of Delta recreation and access (prepare inventory of existing recreation sites). NOTE:
Additional recreation tasks may be developed upon receipt of the DPR study.
- * Participate with Secretary for Resources Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee coordinating permit processes.
- * Monitor and participate in San Luis Drain review process.
- * Support legislation to address abandoned vessel issues in the Delta.
- * Continue study of bringing Delta levees to PL-99 standards.
(Recommend consultant assistance, to be approved by the Commission separately.)
- * Participate in preparation of County sludge ordinances (San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo).

* Develop and implement revised project monitoring reports.
(Recommend consultant assistance for Teale, to be approved by the Commission separately.)

* Continue to work with local governments preparing and processing general plan amendments to conform with Land Use Plan.